

Public Health Work Group

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2011

2:00pm-3:00pm

Attendees – by phone:

Chair: Mary Driscoll, Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH)
Krysta Heaney, Illinois Office of Health Information Technology (OHIT)
Dr. Bala Hota, Cook County Health and Hospital System
Dr. Josh Jones, Chicago Department of Public Health
Mike Jadala, IDPH
Mike Jones, Healthcare and Family Services (HFS)
Miriam Link-Mullison, Jackson County Health Department
Mary McGinnis, OHIT
Karen McMahon, IDPH
Renee Perry, HFS

Introductions:

Chair **Mary Driscoll** opened the meeting at 2:00 pm. The meeting was hosted telephonically by OHIT; it was noted that notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted on the OHIT website and offices no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. Roll was taken.

Minutes Review:

With no changes noted the minutes from September 22, 2010, October 5, 2010 and April 4, 2011 were unanimously approved.

HIE Update:

Mary McGinnis provided an Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) progress update.

1. The Authority, on June 22, appointed a 32-member Advisory Committee, which will be initially co-chaired by Stan Krok (CIO, Childrens Memorial Hospital) and Bill Odman (VP and Regional CIO, St. Mary's Good Samaritan).
2. OHIT has issued its Request for Proposal (RFP) for the acquisition of the core services of the ILHIE. Approximately 50 vendors attended the vendor conference on June 13 and/or have expressed an interest in responding to the RFP. The RFP can be accessed on the State of Illinois Procurement Bulletin (Illinois BID reference 22021860) or through the OHIT website (www.hie.illinois.gov). Responses are due on July 22, 2011.

State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP) Update:

Renee Perry provided an update on the status of Illinois' SMHP submission.

1. HFS has resubmitted the SMHP to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services today, July 1, 2011.
2. HFS anticipates accepting provider registrations for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program on September 1, 2011, accepting provider attestations on December 1, 2011, and issuing payments starting on February 1, 2011.

Mary Driscoll asked if the data submitted to HFS will include quality measure data. **Renee Perry** explained that only attestation is required for Illinois providers applying for Meaningful Use under the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program as AIU (Adopt, Implement, Upgrade). HFS is encouraging Illinois providers to register as a MEDI and apply for a digital certificate. Data collection for Stage 2 Meaningful Use will include numerator and denominator, as well as clinical quality reporting.

The Work Group reviewed and approved the Public Health Meaningful Use Measures Table created by HFS. The Table will be posted on the HFS Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website.

Use Cases FAQs:

The Work Group reviewed and approved the Technical Application of Use Cases FAQ to be posted on the OHIT and IDPH websites.

Public Health Node Update:

Dr. Bala Hota provided an update on the status of the Public Health Node.

INEDSS Update:

Mike Jadala provided an INEDSS update. INEDSS staff is working with several hospitals on initiating the process for electronic laboratory reporting (ELR) and has received Meaningful Use test data from several additional hospitals. Some changes were necessary to upgrade the INEDSS system to receive HL7 2.5.1 messages. INEDSS now has a working map capable of translating any feed that comes in version HL7 2.5.1 to 2.3.1.

I-CARE Update:

Karen McMahon provided an I-CARE update. I-CARE staff has received 22 test messages from providers (3 in production), with an additional 3 hospitals planning to test next week. Of the 22, 9 have passed the Meaningful Use testing, and 2 have failed. Additionally there are 100 plus contacts interested in sending data to I-CARE. An increase in participation is expected in the coming month due to: 1) the signing of HB and 2) the start of the 90-day reporting period for hospitals participating in the EHR Incentive Programs.

HB 1338 – Immunization Data Registry Act

Karen McMahon provided an update on HB 1338. IDPH anticipates the bill will be signed shortly. To respond to new provisions in the bill, IDPH has developed a 'consent' form with new language explaining opt-out; the form will be available at physician offices and can be downloaded directly from I-CARE.

CDC Nationwide Call Update:

Mary Driscoll provided an update on the CDC Meaningful Use and Public Health Information Network (PHIN) calls; the CDC is currently working on developing implementation guides for syndromic surveillance reporting.

Face-to Face Meeting:

The face-to-face meeting was postponed until September.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.